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SUBJECT: FRG AMB. DISCUSSION WITH USSR AG.MIN.

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SUMMARY: WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR MADE COURTESY FAREWELL
CALL ON USSR AGMIN MESYATS YESTERDAY. FRG AGATT TO MOSCOW,
WHO ACCOMPANIED HIS AMBASSADOR (SAHM), REPORTED TO US THAT
MESYATS, AS EXPTECTED, WAS MOST OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CURRENT
SITUATION AND OUTLOOK. MAJOR POINTS MADE BY MESYATS FOLLOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. 1977 GRAIN CROP: NEW RECORD QUITE POSSIBLE DUE VERY
FAVORABLE CONDITIONS TO DATE.
2. SWINE NUMBERS: MARCH 1 POPULATION IS UP 8 MILLION FROM
MARCH 1976.
3. CATTLE NUMBERS: MARCH 1 POPULATION IS UP 1,240,000
FROM SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

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4. PULTRYNUMBERS, COMPARABLE POPULATION INCREASE WAS
60 MILLION.

5. MILK AND EGG OUTPUT IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY: 12 AND 10
PERCENT INCREASES, RESPECTIVELY, COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD
IN 1976 WERE REPORTED.

6. OUTLOOK FOR 1977 PORK PRODUCTION: 65 MILLION PIGLETS
WILL BE FED TO AN AVERAGE WEIGHT OF 110 KILOS, I.E.,
PRODUCING 7 MILLION TONS OF PROK (LIVE WEIGHT).

7. USSR-FRG AG. AGREEMENT: INSISTANCE BY FRG OF INCLUDING
BERLINE STILL PRECLUDES NEGOTIATION OF THIS ESSENTIALLY S&T
COOPERATION AGREEMENT, BUT OUT LOOK MAY BE CHANGED BY BREZHNEV
VISIT TO GERMANY.

COMMENT: WE AGREE AS INDICATED YESTERDAY IN REF.TEL, BASIS
OUR INADEQUATE DATA, THAT POSSIBILITY EXISITS FOR EXCEEDING
THE 1976 RECORD GRAIN CROP OF AROUND 225 MILLION TONS. THIS,
HOWEVER, ASSUMES GOOD WEATHER IN ALL PRODUCING AREAS FOR
BALANCE OF GROWING SEASON. THIS IF FAR FROM PROBABLY IN THE
USSR. THE DISASTER CROP OF 1975 IS REPORTED TO HAVE LOOKED
EQUALLY FINE IN THE EARLY SPRING. THE LIVESTOCK NUMBERS AND
PRODUCTION FIGURES GIVEN ARE ABOUT ON TREND, BUT
NOTE THAT HE WAS SILENT ON 1977 MEAT OUTPUT TO
DATE, BECAUSE FAVORABLE 1976 AND 77 COMPARISONS ARE
NOT POSSIBLE. FEBRUARY MEAT OUTPUT SHOWED A RISE
COMPARED TO REDUCED MID-1976 LEVELS, BUT JANUARY AND
FEBRUARY 1977 PRODUCTION IS DOWN 15 AND 20 PERCENT
RESPECTIVELY FROM SAME MONTHS IN 1976 AND 1975.
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